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Reminder — General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting of the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association will be on the second Wednesday of this month at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 1318 N. Circle Driv Blvd. The meeting will start at 7 PM.

**General Membership Meeting Minutes
December 9, 1998
Paula Gainer, KCØAGG, Secretary**

Moe WBØRTF called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She asked all the attending members to have a moment of silence in remembrance of those who were no longer with us. Moe thanked all for coming, and thanked all that helped to make the Christmas party a great success.

Greg WA2OOD motioned to accept the minutes as printed, Al NØCMW seconds, and the motion passed.

Rob N7LV had no treasurers report at this time. Bill KDØJU accepted the Treasurer's report, and K4ARM seconds it. Motion passed.

Hammy: Dan Scott had added a girl scout patch to the hammy on behalf of JOTA, then awarded it to John Roth Jr. NØQJS, for his help at meetings.

The next board meeting will be at the QTH of Greg WA2OOD.

Jeff NØJLH announced the winner for the \$100.00 poker prize money was Jody, KAØROZ.

Mike WV7T won the door prize of the turkey. He also read a 12 Days of Christmas poem he had created.

Rosie WAØMNL motioned to adjourn, Dan KBØPPM seconds and the meeting ended at 7:50 Local.

Submitted by Paula Gainer KCØAGG Secretary

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**Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 1998
Paula Gainer, KCØAGG, Secretary**

Attending Members: Moe WBØRTF, Mike WV7T, Paula KCØAGG, Rob N7LV, Greg WA2OOD, Bill NØNIX, Les KCØNC, Jody KAØROZ, Bill KDØJU, and Rhoda KB2BZY.

Moe WBØRTF called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Introductions were given.

Les KCØNC, mentioned that Jeff had accepted the P.O. Box key, and Les now has possession of it. He also did an end of year research on the current list of Ø Beats that we send out, and we are sending out about 13 extras in our newsletter exchange program. Les mentioned it would be nice to do a little more with the newsletter with out raising dues, and ideas were discussed about getting more advertisers.

Greg WA2OOD had two things to discuss, he showed the news tape footage from Channel 5/30 on the JOTA day events and the food drive with Rosie WAØMNL for the less fortunate families of our community. Greg had some comments about the Christmas party and said it went very well. About 70 members attended. There was some discussion about restructuring the activities committee. Greg had a comment to Mike WV7T about the Rocky Mountain Navy ARC. Mike WV7T stated that RMN ARC was a non-competitive informal group that does not meet and its only purpose is to attract new hams, and is dedicated to support all clubs. Information is exchanged via e-mail. Greg motioned, for the club to loan the IC-28 to ARES to be used with the Packet Cluster, asset #0012. Rob N7LV seconds, and the motion passed. The Year-end Hammy award was decided by the board as to whom to award it to. Also a new one will be awarded for the upcoming year.

Bill NØNIX for interference, helped Mike Stansberry clear one interference problem with his neighbors, Pentium computer about 4 houses down from Mike. It was interfering on 80 meters quite heavily, and an external filter fixed the problem.

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Rhoda KB2BZY mentioned the great job that Rosie did on the skits at the Christmas party. And others that played a part in the skits.

Mike WV7T, mentioned three items from Rosie WAØMNL, she would like the club to send a Thank you card to Don and Mary Chatelain for donating the coffeepot to the PPRAA. She has an idea about members donating a can of food at club meetings, since the food drive is being done on a monthly basis. And would like to see information in the *Ø Beat* every month for the Lunch bunch. Mike WV7T shared many ideas of what he would like to see the club do in the upcoming year such as sponsored fund-raisers, to be in a parade of lights, have an auction of items, and a possible summer car wash. One thing he plans on doing is a monthly Mall exhibit, which would be a one-day event, once a month promoting ham radio. Help add to the door prizes, by donating your unwanted basement items.

Rob N7LV, Swapfest location is still undetermined, not yet confirmed, but it might be Mitchell High School. There are three prizes this year, Alinco DX-70T, Alinco DJ-C5T, plus a \$100.00 gift certificate. Later on in the year there is some consideration for a By-laws change. Suggestions to change the number from three to two in taking inventory. Rob mentions to start thinking of some New year's goals for the club. Where will the club be in five years?

Jody KAØROZ Historian had nothing to report.

Bill KDØJU had nothing to report.

Moe WBØRTF's final comments were she thought the skits were great, we collected 240 items for the needy, we had good public service and she wished everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Greg WA2OOD motioned to adjourn, Bill NØNIX seconds and the meeting ends at 8:50pm local.

Submitted by Paula Gainer KCØAGG Secretary

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Christmas Party Thanks! Rosie Callaway, WAØMNL

I want to thank every one who helped in putting on the PPRAA Christmas party.

Although the weather was not ideal 70 people attended. I thank those who cooked turkey and brought mashed potatoes and the other side dishes. We bought 4 turkeys and I was glad to have people take the leftovers home.

How about those skits! We had fun with them. Thanks to the folks that brought food and clothes items for the less fortunate. We had 20 people bring things to our home on Saturday, thereby helping TV 5/30 with the story they did regarding the Hams of PPRAA helping their community. All together thus far we've collected 240 items. Because of the weather some folks didn't bring their donation to the party...so we'll welcome any donation at the January club meeting. We will make sure that all donated items are passed on to those in need. Bring a donation to the meeting and you will receive a free door prize ticket. Thanks again to all.

Library Exhibit Update! Aaron Pelouze, KD6FLM

The last planning meeting for next years' Library Exhibit turned out some great ideas. The one thing that was mentioned several times was moving the exhibit outside. We will take a look at that suggestion next year.

Some of the bigger agenda items were: Setting up tables outside the room, setting up more signs, inviting the Edge of Space Science group.

The consensus was the lack of visitors was due to the lack of publicity. We will be sending out normal invitations later next year.

If you have any questions, or would like to attend next year, please let me know. Any comments would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all that came this year and hope to see you (and those that could not make the exhibit) next year.

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The VP's Soapbox Mike Anderson, WV7T

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the PPRAA for allowing me the privilege to serve the membership as Vice President in 1999. Being back in Colorado Springs only 6 weeks after a 25 year absence (22 in the Navy) this was indeed a very large honor. It was oblivious that those who raised their hands in approval do not know me because those who did kept their hands down! >SMILE< Seriously though, in and outside of the club this next year my focus will be in recruiting new hams. I will put forth all my efforts to locate, train, and make new PPRAA members. As is with all things much can be done by one person but so much more can be done with many people helping. So I ask, who do you know that being a ham would bring a new dimension to their lives? Where being involved with PPRAA activities would give them a sense of belonging in the wondrous PPRAA fellowship! If you as a club member did nothing more than put this person in touch with me you will have increased our terrific club by one more new ham! I have been a professional Elmer who really does make house calls! Let us work together to open the doors of Amateur Radio to others. You don't need to be an Extra, heck I recruited new hams as a Novice, even ran my own code/theory class downtown. Use that part of you that is endearing to others, share the wonder you found in ham radio...the part that convinced you to work so hard for your license. Share all the neat and exciting things in ham radio that you enjoy. Imagine this, if each club member brought just one person into ham radio this next year we would need to find a new meeting place as there would not be enough room where we are now to handle the huge attendance! Wouldn't that be great! We each have special talents and gifts when shared with others will bring joy, excitement, and a sense of accomplishment. So please help me this next year in sharing the most enjoyable and important activity there is...Ham Radio! If you are not sure what to do just grab me, and I DO mean GRAB, and let's work out a plan!

Over the years changes have come and gone each impacting the multitudes. Nowhere was found a lack of opinions or comments, people's emotions stretched from one extreme to the other with never the possibility of complete acceptance. Changes favored some and deprived others with a cold indifference. Each time a voice in the wilderness cried out with a fearful resolve. We have a voice....united....a strong voice that none could escape, a voice to those who direct our destiny that WE decide our future and that our voices will deafened them from the roar. But alas, there are those whose voices will never be heard. The voices so desperately needed to lend force to the future of us all. The petty differences need be set aside, to look beyond what is into what may be. Upon the brink of change are we again. The voices must be raised and our position given loud and clear, there must be no mistake. Soon the FCC will stop listening to what we have to say. We are given the chance to testify of what we see is best for our amateur radio service. Speak with strength and confidence, Let those who make policy know where you stand, be a significant part of the future of this wondrous avocation. There is still time to let your voice be heard.....let your voice ring loud and clear in their ears. For if they decide not in our favor, cause breaches in our service, and we have said nothing.....then the guilt will be ours.

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Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association

You have ham/computer related items clogging up your personal space? Equipment, accessories, books? With a little fixing, cleaning and some TLC (tender loving care) would be a great addition for another person's shack and you'd love to see it all just go away....then you are in luck as Mike WV7T is collecting such items to add to the monthly meeting door prizes. You got it....don't want it....who ya gonna call...Mike! He will arrange to pick up the items, clean and repair, and see it get's a good home.

Treasurer's Report For Period Ending November 30, 1998 Rob Roller, N7LV

Income - Expenses = Gain / (Loss)

\$99.00 - \$150.24 = (\$51.24)

Contact me if you want further details.

501(c)(3): The package is done finally, and by the time this is published it should have been reviewed by some people that have had experience in doing these things. Obviously I will keep copies of everything, and I will carry a copy to the club meetings so if you want to take a look at this then just drop on by a club meeting. I'm told to expect several months for processing - the IRS says it could take as long as 14 months, but others seem more optimistic than that.

Swapfest: There may be a separate report from Bob Ryals, KIØGF, our swapfest chairman, but I'll give a short report on the raffle. The prizes have been ordered, and we're working closely with Lewis-Palmer High School for a facility. Obviously the facility is necessary to hold the raffle, and tying down a location is in the critical path of things. LPHS is less expensive than District 11 so moving to this location is more profitable for the club. Hopefully by the time you're reading this we've secured a contract and ordered the raffle license and raffle tickets. Hard to say what we'll accomplish during the Christmas break.

Renewals: Thanks for sending in your renewals in a timely manner. Also, remember that if you have your ARRL renewal form sitting around, send it to the PPRAA, not to the ARRL! Just make your check payable to the PPRAA, enclose your ARRL renewal

form and the envelope they provide (stamped is preferred), and we'll handle it from there. Doing it this way allows the PPRAA to reap benefits via a commission program. Do it for the club! Something new I'm going to give a try in 1999 is to review my treasurer's ledger once a month and see who last renewed over a year ago. I'd like to give you a quick reminder in case you've forgotten to renew. I know that's happened a few times recently and I'd hate to see you miss a *Ø Beat* or two.

Misc: I was happy to see so much publicity for ham radio recently, and we can thank Rosie for getting some, maybe all, of it done. First there was the food drive, and the short segment on 5/30 covering that was aired in early December. Fred Sontag, KAØWIE, was able to get with the same reporter to do another segment about MARS. I missed both of them; hopefully you were able to videotape the segments. But we (myself and my wife, Dorothy KCØBSY) didn't miss the Christmas party, which was awesome! Getting back to a pot luck was a good thing as we were all able to concentrate on what we should concentrate: each other. The food was good, the entertainment was entertaining, and I got to meet in person some hams which I've only seen their names on a dues check. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I'd love to see more of you next year! I think there were about seventy folks there, and I understand some opt'd to stay home due to the weather. Turns out the roads weren't that bad. In the past month I've also stepped down as ARES resource manager, turning over the reins to Sid White K4ARM. Please contact him (sidwhite@worldnet.att.net, 495-4147) if you have any changes to make for ARES or if you're interested in getting started in ARES. Finally, let me say that there's lots going on with the club, so if you're not making it to the club meetings, you're missing out on a lot of things. 1999 looks like it's going to be a busy year! Drop by the ham class starting on 1/12/99 if you can to help or just to see what we're doing to get more people licensed - Frank McNally KFØWF will be teaching Nov/Tech licenses. Hope you all had a safe holiday and have a prosperous new year!

Amateur Radio Classes Scheduled (Note: New Location) Linda Hedges, KBØRKW

Since the closure of the International Tesla Society the annual Novice/Technician Classes will be held at a new location: The Office Of Emergency Management, 305 S. Union Blvd, Colorado Springs, Colorado - This location is directly across the street from the South end of Memorial Park.

Classes are scheduled to start on Tuesday, Jan 12, and end on Thursday Mar 18, 1999.

This years' award-winning instructor Frank McNally, KFØWF, will hold the classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM.

As with all the classes preregistration would be appreciated. Contact Frank, KFØWF, at (719)596-8733 or Email at warm.fuzzy@bigfoot.com, or Linda, KBØRKW, at (719)632-5482 (leave message) or (719)473-8761 after 7 PM or Email

kbØrkW@juno.com on or before January 4th, 1999.

Once again these award winning classes will cover both the Rules and Regulations as well as the Electronic Theory needed to pass the Novice/Technician FCC Amateur Radio Examination Elements. The classes are open to all age groups. The text that will be used will be "Now You're Talking" and can be purchased at the first class for a cost of \$19.00. Testing will now cost approximately \$6.75.

In order to keep the ham community alive and active, everyone is encouraged to add at least one new ham to our community. This might be the perfect opportunity to do just that. Spread the word about the classes and encourage at least one person to attend and become a new ham.

If you are a late Christmas shopper and are at a loss for what to give someone, may I suggest that these classes might be the perfect gift?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

73, Linda K. Hedges, KBØRKW
PPRAA Technical Instruction Liaison

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The Rocky Mountain Navy Amateur Radio Club (RMN.ARC) Mike Anderson, WV7T

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VE Test Fees to Rise in January

Effective January 1, the FCC is raising the maximum test reimbursement that can be collected by VEs to \$6.49. Since the PPRAA VE team is an ARRL team, we'll charge \$6.45 at our test sessions, which is the amount set by the ARRL. This is a 10-cent increase over 1998 fees. Also, some time in early 1999, the FCC will no longer be using the good ol' Form 610 for amateur licenses, but will be instituting the new ULS, or Universal Licensing System. The new FCC Form 605 will be used for not only amateur licenses, but for ship, aircraft, commercial and GMRS licenses.



LUNCH BUNCH

Everyone is invited to join the Lunch Bunch at Hometown Buffet in Shops of the Bluffs on January 14, 1999 at noon. We always have fun!
73, Ginger NØUOD

Nets Heard in Colorado Springs

PPRAA Simplex	146.58	Thursday	7:00 PM
CO High Noon	7240	Daily	12 Noon
CO Columbine	3989	Daily	7:00 PM
Southern CO Traffic	146.97-	Daily	8:00 PM
State ARES HF	3928	Sundays	8:00 AM
State ARES VHF	145.13-	Sundays	8:30 AM
Colo Repeater Assn	145.16-	Sundays	9:00 AM
State RACES	3990.5	Sundays	6:00 PM
El Paso RACES	3990.5	Sundays	follows
El Paso HF Rndtable	28.385	Sundays	follows
PPFMA	146.97-	Sundays	8:30 PM
State ARES 2M SSB	144.22	Mondays	7:00 PM
Elmer Net	146.97-	Mondays	7:30 PM
PPARES	146.97-	Tuesdays	7:00 PM
EPC RACES	147.345+	Tuesdays	7:30 PM
MARA	147.48	Tuesdays	8:30 PM
Park County Club	146.82-	Tuesdays	8:30 PM
ARES Dist 24	145.16-	Thursdays	8:00 PM
CMRG Info	147.345+	Thursdays	9:00 PM

Membership Application - Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 16521, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80935

Date: _____ ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Call _____ License Class _____ Telephone _____

Email address: _____

Are you an ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

One year membership rates, starting the month you receive your first issue:

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| ☐ Full Member - \$15.00 | ☐ Family Membership (same address) - \$18.00 |
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Additional Name: _____ Call _____ Class _____

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Please check activities for which you would volunteer:

- ☐ Field Day or similar activity
- ☐ Radio demonstrations
- ☐ On-Air Nets/Roundtables
- ☐ Teach potential hams about ham radio

Your Interests

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ☐ HF | ☐ VHF/UHF |
| ☐ FM | ☐ SSB |
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Please Note: You must submit a completed application form along with your check to the Treasurer for both new members as well as renewals. Thank you.

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